

"COME AND LIVE WITH US"

Celina and Mercer County Highly Efficient as a Residential District,

A Farming Section, Manufacturing Center, Trading and Summer Resort Town, Proudly Upholding Her Head With the Country's Most Progressive Cities and Counties, Shouts Forth to the Nation: "Come and Live With Us."

Abounding rich in soil possessions, picturesque in topography, with an abundance of natural running water courses, fine farm lands thoroughly drained, transportation facilities unsurpassed, Celina and Mercer County lies in and around the shores of Lake Mercer, the largest artificial body of water in the world, being the highest point between the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi rivers.

AN ELEGANT CITY

Radiating with progress and industry Celina, the county seat of Mercer County, has kept pace with its surroundings. Shining brightly on the horizon of commercial prosperity, it sets the pace for many cities of a greater size and population. The business portion of the town would be a credit to a city three times its size and the residence district is not surpassed in the matter of beauty and comfort in any of the neighboring counties. The principal streets are unusually wide, and in fact so wide, that this feature alone attracts the attention of the stranger within her gates. They are alike well kept. Not only are all the thoroughfares through the business district paved, but brick surfaced streets extend into many residence sections and yet this form of modern improvement for Celina has not been carried to its entire fruition and numerous improvements by the progressive property owners are on foot, looking to further steps of permanency in street conditions, testifying to the inclination of advancement of the community.

FINE SEWERAGE SYSTEM

One of the best and most complete sewerage systems of modern engineering science, soon to open for the public convenience and welfare, now underlies the streets and alleys of the city, which will be a protection to the health and comfort of all the citizens.

SPLENDID FIRE DEPARTMENT

The City Fire Department has long since demonstrated its ability in the time of danger and our losses from this source have been few and far between. The city police guard well in administering civil government. Free city and rural mail delivery routes keeps the community in touch with the metropolitan cities of the globe, and up-to-date newspapers, German as well as English, chronicle the happenings of the country at large, furnishing a class of local service unsurpassed in any agricultural community in the nation.

BEAUTIFULLY LIGHTED

Night is no longer dark in Celina by the progressive efforts of the municipal lighting plant. This is modern in every particular and gives excellent service for both lighting and power purposes. The latest improved lamps and high voltage power tungsten light the business and resident section of the city, and the town has more and better lights throughout its length and breadth than many cities twice its size.

SPLENDID SCHOOLS

"Of all the fine arts the supreme is education." This is true. The supreme business of the country when judged by the number of people engaged in the calling and there is no question that it is a great thing when judged from the results. The Celina schools are well organized and governed by a board of education and under the personal supervision of Superintendent J. W. Pogue. Not only are the common branches taught but a splendid and complete free high school is maintained for the higher advancement in educational circles, and domestic science, and manual and vocational training are taught. The West Side and high school building completed only a few years ago, is one of the most modern structures of its kind in this section of the state. In addition to the public schools, the parochial schools of the Immaculate Conception Church, under the direction of Rev. George Hindelang, form an important factor in local education. They are ably administered by a corps of Sisters and form a factor for good in the city.

Several convents in the south part of the county are also valuable aids to education.

Almost every religious organization is represented here and each Lord's day finds the members of the several congregations housed in beautiful edifices and some of them of the most modern type and perfectly equipped. Within the last couple of years two very fine church edifices—Lutheran and Evangelical—have been erected here. The M. E. Church is a fine building and the local Catholic church is one of the largest and most beautiful places of worship in Northwestern Ohio. The churches are the varied streams from the fountain head of true civilization and form a great power for good in the community, as well as being the source of moral, intellectual and spiritual training and uplift.

Mercer County has the reputation over the country of having the largest number of fine church buildings that any county in the whole country can boast of. Every few miles through the south end of the county you will pass a fine church edifice. It is one county where the country church is not on the decline.

RESORT FACILITIES

The fact that we are located on Lake Mercer brings to the town each summer countless numbers of visitors, who find some of the best

fishing, pleasant climate, bathing and boating facilities in the middle west. Numerous cottages, besides those at Edgewater and Mercelina Parks dot the shores, and during the season tennis are seen everywhere.

PROSPEROUS FACTORIES

While Celina depends largely upon its agricultural surroundings it can boast of numerous factories that furnish labor for the many. Among them are the Mersman Bros.-Brands Co., the Celina Specialty Co., Celina Hardware Mfg. Co., Wm. Cron Sons Co., Crampton & Son Canning Co., the Ames Bending Co., and in addition to these planning mills in connection with the lumber yards and a number of other institutions that are employers of labor. These concerns form an important part in the scheme of affairs.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Celina is especially proud of the showing of its banking institutions, and three better banks can be found nowhere than the First National, the Commercial and the Citizens banks of this city. Their resources are large and the accommodations of the best. All three of the banking houses have been but recently remodeled, and present the prettiest appearances and most up-to-date fixtures.

EXCELLENT STORES

To say that the stores of Celina are good would not be giving them proper credit. They are excellent stores, complete stores and up-to-the-minute business institutions and they compare favorably with the largest mercantile establishments of the metropolitan cities. The business district of the town is composed of attractive, well-lighted and well-arranged buildings. The structures house a large group of shops, parlors and department stores and offer to the people of the country the latest and best goods that the market affords. The most fashionable styles appear in Celina simultaneously with the heralding of the seasons first openings in the larger cities. There is no need of Celina people going to the larger cities to do their shopping or marketing, and very few of them do.

BOOST THE CITY

Every citizen should make it a part of his or her daily routine to boost Celina. It is not only a matter of some advantage that some neighboring city may be claiming, call attention to the greater advantages of Celina. When some one tells you: "I got this in such and such a city," answer them with: "Well, I don't have to get there for it, because I can get it right here and it costs no more." Celina is your home. Its people are your fellow citizens, and all must co-operate in the endeavor to retain the reputation of the county seat of Mercer County as being one of the most live and wide-awake cities in the state.

CITY TO BE PROUD OF

To detail the many and varied advantages not already touched upon in this article would require the addition of several pages to this issue. An endeavor has been made to call attention to the most conspicuous reasons why Celina is a desirable location, either as a residence district, a site for manufacturing institutions or a fine place to spend a vacation. The people of the community have a right to be satisfied. They have a right to be prosperous and they have a right to hold up their heads with pride and say: "This is my home, I live in Celina, Mercer County, Ohio."

THE BOOSTER EDITION

The news articles about the business houses, manufacturing concerns and professional men in this booster edition were all prepared by the staff of the Democrat, no man having written of himself or his business. It has been our endeavor to convey to our readers a more distinct impression of the value of the firms of Celina to the residents of the city and county, and to prove the undisputable fact that it is not necessary for anyone to leave town to do trading. We have also made mention of a few worthy country stores and milling plants. While the publishers are rather of a philanthropic nature, the expense of this edition has naturally been partly taken care of by the business men, as paper, labor and printer's ink cost just as much in a newspaper office, if not more, than in other establishments. The merchants and manufacturers have been enthusiastic in their co-operation along this line and to their credit is due for assisting to make Celina a more prosperous community.

B. L. KINDELL

Druggist of Ability and Repute, Who Handles World Famous Nyal Remedies and Operates First Class Soda Fountain.

The drug store of B. L. Kindell is one of the most modern in this section of the state, and has always maintained a reputation for selling dependable drugs and Mr. Kindell is a man of much experience in his chosen profession.

This store is the home of the Nyal proprietary medicines that are the work of the world's most learned chemists. They are dependable and contain the prescriptions of famous physicians of both this continent and Europe.

The prescription department is in

the hands of Mr. Kindell, who is a careful and conscientious pharmacist and who sees that there is positively no substitutions at his store. All prescriptions are compounded scientifically with care and precision.

Mr. Kindell conducts a first class soda fountain, where only the very best of cream is used and the very purest of flavors served. If you are tired and want to rest a few minutes and be refreshed when in town just stop in at Kindell and let them serve you with a dish of their frozen dainties. There's always a crowd at Kindell's soda fountain. There's a reason.

Mr. Kindell is one of Mercer County's valuable citizens, who is assisting to make this a healthy county and performing a great work for the people. He is an expert on sanitation. He makes a specialty of handling the Wear-Ever Rubber Goods, and has a very complete line. This is recognized as one of the best lines on the market and if you look them over when in need of anything like this you will have no other.

TAX LIST COMPLETE

Notice has been given by County Tax Commissioner Harting that the tax lists have been completed and are now open for inspection at his office in this city. Complaints should be made in writing and will be heard by the board of complaints on the first Monday in August.

KRIEGLER IS GUILTY

The cases of the State Ohio against Ernie Thomas and Ado. Puskamp, charged with rape, and assigned for hearing this week, could not be heard because of the time consumed in the Ferd Kriegl case, and were re-assigned for next week, the former for the 13th, and the latter for the 15th.

The jury hearing the case of Ferd Kriegl, charged with contributing to the delinquency of Helen Kriegl, returned a verdict of guilty about half past nine yesterday morning. The court has not as yet passed sentence.

Celina suffered a double defeat over the Fourth, being trimmed 4 to 3 by the Dayton Maxwells in a 7 inning contest at Mercelina Field last Sunday, and shut out 3 to 0 at St. Marys on Monday.

MENDON MAN VICTIM

[St. Marys Evening Leader] George Piles, of Napoleon, plead guilty Wednesday, to a charge of stealing a horse and buggy Saturday night, July 3. The rig belongs to Joseph Murlin, residing near Mendon. It was taken from a hitching rack near the Gordon, Hausa, Folk establishment in this city.

Piles was taken, Wednesday afternoon by Chief Seibert, to the county jail to await the action of the common pleas court. The horse, buggy, harness and Mr. Murlin's overcoat have all been recovered.

J. F. MCGEE

Handles Excellent Lines of Hardware and Contractor for Sheet Metal Work.

The large hardware establishment of J. F. McGee is an emporium where the triumphs of civilization over savagery are plainly discernable. Man is no longer satisfied to live in a hut and use the rude hardware of the stone age. He insists in the age of aeroplanes and automobiles that all the hardware that he uses be of the civilization of the twentieth century. That is why J. F. McGee is enjoying such a great patronage, as he carries all the latest and best in these lines. In shelf hardware he carries a very complete assortment and his cutlery is of the keen edge variety that will not dull easily and has long life. In addition to this he operates a sheet metal establishment and is prepared to do all tinning, roofing, and spouting and cornice work, and in fact everything in this line. He has about his business by the excellent lines that he handles and because he has always treated all his customers honorably and alike. He is one of our prominent citizens and substantial business men who is helping to make this a great trading center.

Mr. McGee also contracts for tile roofing and is prepared to execute a nice clean job that will last for years and years.

Raymond Studer, of Toledo, spent the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Studer, East Livingston street.

For proud flesh use Hanford's Balm of Myrrh.—adv.

CITY PLUMBING SHOP

Is Known Throughout This Section as Headquarters for Expert and Sanitary Plumbing.

The firm that knows its business is the one above all others to rely upon and to employ. If you want to make certain of getting real sanitary plumbing and a satisfactory heating system, call on the City Plumbing Shop. This firm has always been known to be right. Good work along these lines is certainly the cheapest in the long run. The other kind is the most expensive luxury you ever enjoyed. If you entrust the work of work to the City Plumbing Shop you will make no mistake for it enjoys a most excellent reputation for both reliability and competency.

During the time that Messrs Mohr and Brown have been engaged in business here they have completed a number of very important jobs, both in the city and throughout the surrounding country, and they stand as examples of their workmanship. And while only the highest class of plumbing is executed by them their charges have always been of the most pleasing character.

When it comes to the plumbing for country places they have selected the system to employ that have been tested out by farmers of known reputation. Bad systems will give endless annoyance.

They always keep a supply of materials on hand and are ready for urgent repair work for which their prices have always been of the most

CUPID'S VICTIMS

Miss Oriel Hole, of this city, and Fred P. Hoyt, of Flint, Mich., were married at St. Paul's M. E. church last evening by Rev. Lane.

GOOD PREMIUM FOR BONDS

Te eight issues of Mercer County pike bonds, aggregating \$80,800, offered by the Commissioners yesterday were sold to the Ohio National Bank, of Columbus at their premium offer of \$1,011. They were quite a number of bidders, whose names, together with their bids we will publish next week.

WILL OIL STREETS

Council met in special session last Tuesday evening with all members present and Mayor Rice presiding. Quite a number of residents were in attendance to express opinions on the proposition of oiling the streets; and the council passed an ordinance providing that a number of the principal unpaved streets be oiled.

LOCAL BRIEVITIES

Three box cars in the Lake Erie & Western freight yards in this city were broken into last Friday night, and several small articles taken.

The ladies of the Center Chapel Church will hold an ice cream social at the Landfair school house to-morrow evening. The public is invited.

Mrs. John Sealschott, a well known lady of Hopefield township, operated upon yesterday morning, resulting in the operation nicely and is reported in a fair way to mend quickly.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas, of Columbus, were in Celina this week on their way home from a visit to the Panama exposition, and with the Alens and Petries, former residents of this city, now residing in California.

Carmal J. Stubbs, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Stubbs, who recently successfully passed the state bar examination, has entered the office of Senator J. D. Johnson to begin his professional career. Here's trusting to his success.

THE PUBLIC DEMANDS INTERESTING SHOWS

And in Celina These Demands Are Complied With at the Amuse-U.

In Celina as well as many other towns the people refuse to attend the moving picture theatre unless the program offers clear wholesome and interesting pictures. Realizing this the Amuse-U on West Market street, has contracted for the best class of pictures ever shown in Celina. Of course, these kind cost a little more than the tamer and less interesting kind, but the Amuse-U is of the opinion that an up-to-the-minute picture show is appreciated by the local public. Therefore when you attend the Amuse-U you will witness some of the best productions of the day and everyone of them will be clean, clear and amusing. A progressive up-to-date show is a valuable asset to any community for it furnishes innocent amusement that is educational as well as interesting.

The Amuse-U is a commodious theatre fitted with all the comforts and appointments of a first class house. The best of order invariably prevails and the policy of the place merits liberal patronage. No doubt after dropping in to one of their shows you will become a regular patron. In order to maintain such a high class place of entertainment the public must give its support and with the management bending every effort to give the public the best there is for the Amuse-U's patronage should increase daily.

MODEL MILLING CO.

A Trading Center Here in Celina That is Continually Buzzing With Activity.

The Model Milling Company operates a trading center here that is continually buzzing with regular activity in its various lines. This institution offers a wide range of transactions and occupies the position of buyer, shipper and retailer. The volume of business transacted by this company is so great that they are always on the best side of the market.

They act in the capacity of buyers and shippers of grain, seeds, hay and straw, live stock and wool. Farmers have long since learned that they are in touch with the leading markets of the world and able to pay the top of the market in cash. Only words of commendation are heard of their transactions in this country.

They are wholesalers and retailers of coal, wood, flour, mill feed and stock and poultry foods, field and bulk garden seeds and Alfalfa seed. These are model tested and standard brands of goods. Their lines of coal comprise coals from the country's best mines and are selected with the idea of the greatest number of heat units to the ton. Their feeds are selected for their nutritive value, and in addition to the local feeds with which everyone is conversant they handle a select line of foreign feeds that will suit your very need. Their seeds are the result of scientific production. In this age the farmer demands the latest of scientific methods be used in the production of seed, realizing that the best is none too good.

Messrs E. M. and James M. Dull, the managers of the Model Milling Co. are men thoroughly conversant with all the needs of the farmer. They are incessant readers of all the latest literature on the market, as well as the scientific farm papers on the production of crops of class. If you desire any information on this line better stop in and see them. They are very courteous and will explain any matters to you. They are among the progressive citizens of the county, and are closely interested in its development.

For galls use Hanford's Balm.

LATE ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Green, residing east of this city, are entertaining a new baby girl, born last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murlin, North Sugar street, this city, are the proud and happy parents of a baby girl, born Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Yonker, of Leona street, are the proud parents of a baby girl born on the 1st.

Mrs. Mary Newcomb Meuther was granted a divorce from her husband, Charles Meuther, by Common Pleas Judge Miller last Saturday morning. They were married only about a year ago.

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CINCINNATI STRUCK BY TORNADO

Cincinnati, July 8.—Twelve persons are known to be dead, twenty buildings are known to be destroyed and hundreds of persons are missing as the result of a fierce tornado which swept over the city.

Latest reports on the extent of the cyclone's damage here show so many persons missing that an estimate of the dead is impossible. It is feared, however, that scores have lost their lives.

The steamer Island Queen, plying to Coney Island, a picnic resort, has not reported. There were many hundreds aboard.

The steamer Convoy was sunk and six of the twenty-four persons on board were rescued. The others are believed to be dead.

The steamer Bolton was sunk and all on board were rescued except the captain, who was drowned.

Six persons are believed to be dead in debris at Eighth and Cutter streets. Eight persons are missing in a house demolished at Sixth and Mount streets.

Great damage was done on the hillsides surrounding the city and in the small towns along the Ohio river. Most of the damage in Cincinnati proper was confined to the business district.

Owing to the fact that all wire traffic was destroyed through the Ohio valley, the extent of the damage or possible loss of life in the river towns in this section is not known. Last reports were that much damage had been done in Dayton, Bellevue, Newport, Covington and Ludlow, on the Kentucky shore, and at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Word reached here that passenger train No. 8, Cincinnati to Cleveland, was blown from the track in the storm somewhere between Cincinnati and Columbus. There was four feet of water over the track, according to reports.

The storm spent its fury here and moved up the river. The steamer Convoy sank with all on board, a crew of thirty men.

According to reports brought here by refugees, the town of Ludlow, Ky., six miles southwest of here, was practically leveled by the storm. The clubhouse and motorhome at the summer resort on the edge of the town were demolished and 2,000 persons were marooned there without shelter.

Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh is itself an antiseptic, and the use of any other remedy before applying in unnecessary.—adv.

THE STRAND THEATRE

Is Gaining in Popularity With Each Passing Day.

The Strand motion picture theatre is gaining in popularity with each passing day and the manager, Mr. U. C. Hinder, is to be congratulated on the success he is making of this attractive little theatre.

He is succeeding in giving the people of Celina and vicinity a theatre that is worth while and a class of entertainment that is on a par with the best of them. It is one of the most popular playhouses in this section and shows the better class of motion pictures. Of course, you know, these cost a little more, but Mr. Hinder is of the opinion that the people of Celina and vicinity are entitled to the best and he is going to see that they get it.

The Strand is a pretty little theatre, perfectly appointed, and a place where the very best of order invariably prevails. The chairs are comfortable and the room is cooled so that you may sit and look at the pictures spell bound, and entranced by beautiful music that is discoursed during the performance.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Hinder on the success he is making of the Strand, and his place of entertainment and enlightenment adds to Celina as a commercial center.

Keep It in Your Stable

For external use on horses nothing that we know of equals Hanford's Balsam. Many trainers use it as a leg wash because it keeps the skin in fine condition and should cure lameness.—adv.

THE MERSMAN BROS.-BRANDT'S COMPANY

A Model Manufacturing Industry That Has Done Considerable Towards Advertising Celina Manufacturers of Tables of Class.

It is a matter of fact that few if any communities in the state, of the same population of Celina, can present a larger or more diversified quota of industrial enterprises, and this fact augurs well as regards the continued development of the community along substantial lines.

As regards the above it is eminently fitting in this comprehensive review of Celina's onward progress to give due mention to the activities of the Mersman Bros.-Brands Company, for it is one of the best conducted and substantial enterprises of the town with a record of about fifteen years of successful operation during which time it has been one of our most potent industrial assets.

The plant of this company is in the west part of town along the Cincinnati Northern railroad, with which it has ample siding connections, thus giving the company adequate receiving and shipping facilities, both as regards the raw material used in the manufacture of their product and the distribution of the finished product to all parts of the central western, as well as the eastern states, in which section the company transacts the bulk of its business.

The factory of the concern is equipped with all the necessary machinery used in the manufacture of table furniture of various designs, and when in full operation a force of about two hundred skilled workmen are employed. These employees are finished workers in wood, many of whom have been with the company for many years and the result is that the high standard set by the concern in the process of manufacture has been steadily maintained during the flow of the passing years, for the Mersman Bros.-Brands Co. may well be classed among the local industries which has done its share in advertising the community by the general excellence of its products.

The gentlemen in the active operation of the plant are Messrs Ed. and Walter Albert Mersman, and Edmund Brandts. The above gentlemen are so well and favorably known locally that any further remarks concerning them are entirely unnecessary.

During the last ten years the output and efficiency of the plant has been increased sixteen hundred percent, and each year they have added large additions to their big plant, until now it covers several acres of ground.

The official roster of the company is as follows: President and General Manager, E. H. Mersman; Vice president and superintendent, Walter Mersman; secretary and treasurer, Edmund Brandts.

AN INSTITUTION

Has the Remaklus & Beckman Become in This Part of the State by Reason of Its Long and Satisfactory Service.

It is not our intention to make this a historical review in any particular, but if such were our object the first business house mentioned would be Remaklus & Beckman. On the other hand presenting this edition to you for the purpose of directing attention to the live, wide-awake and progressive concerns of the city we must place Remaklus & Beckman as leaders in their line. For over half a century this complete department store has served the people of this community, and for over half a century it has been known as one of the leading establishments in its line in Northwestern Ohio. We state without fear of contradiction that there is not a more complete, a more thoroughly modern and at the same time old and reliable store in any city several times the size of Celina.

The store and warehouse are now directing the affairs of the community learned as boys and girls that the store at present owned by Remaklus & Beckman was the shopping center of this section. As they have grown and times have changed, they still make this immense store their headquarters and still teach their children the lessons of commercial economy that they learned through dealing with this establishment throughout the years of their lives.

The ladies of Celina need never leave the city in search of wearing apparel. Remaklus & Beckman have long since proven that their stock compares very favorably with that of the most exclusive stores of the larger cities.

In the lines of curtains, rugs and draperies they have very choice lines selected for their beauty and quality, and the gentleman in charge of this department has an eye to becoming settings. He can suggest to you exactly what you need to conform to this section, and let us predict that in years to come this store will head the list.

Their big July Sale will start tomorrow, the 10th, and it will be well for every one to make a tour of the immense establishment whether exacting to buy anything or not. The management and help are courteous and will be pleased to show you through.

WAGNER LOAN CO.

Conducts a Real Estate and Insurance Business and Loans on Chattels.

The Wagner Loan Agency is one of the institutions that is a valuable asset to Celina. Their office is in the Odd Fellows Temple on West Market street, and is a center of activity.

They specialize in dealing in farm and city property, and have a very choice list of properties for sale. They have a reputation of being able to interest buyers from all over the country in Mercer County lands. If you want to sell better list up with them.

They represent some of the leading insurance companies in the country and have a large list of satisfied customers. It makes no difference what kind of insurance you want they will write it for you and the rates will be reasonable.

Their activities are not confined to these branches of the business as they loan on chattels and their dealings along these lines have invariably been of the most pleasant character. They render accommodations that can not be secured at other places at very reasonable rates.

Mr. I. E. Wagner is at the head of the institution and counts his friends over Mercer County by the hundreds. He has by his fair and over-board business dealings established a reputation that is bringing business to the Wagner Loan Agency from all parts of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barr and daughter, Louise, spent Sunday and the Fourth with relatives and friends at Bluffton, Indiana.

It is unnecessary, but we can not refrain from stating that this enterprise is fortunate in having at its active head men who grew up in the furniture business and have been familiar with its details for practically all of the years of their lives. The plant was established by the father of the Mersman brothers, the late J. B. Mersman. They are men of well known executive ability, Mr. Brandts being familiar with the business conditions on two continents by actual contact.

It is such firms as this one that makes a city prosperous and worth while. It is such acute business judgment, such active interest in the affairs of its employees and their families that has won for the Mersman Bros.-Brands company the confidence and good will of the entire populace. During the time that the management has directed the affairs of this well known concern they have become prominent citizens of the city. Through their straightforward dealings with the public they have made many friends for the company and themselves, and they have always taken an active interest in the affairs of the city, Mr. Brandts being interested in the Chautauqua and several other business enterprises. They've always had at heart the interest of the city and have done their best all times to serve the people to the best advantage and to add to the prosperity of the city. They take commendable interest in their fellowmen, realizing that an industry located in a community that is not wide-awake will wither and die. He and his associates have always tried to add to the prosperity of the town, even though it caused them inconvenience and their company some expense.

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